

The Commission maintains liaison with the State Department of Education, the city and county Boards of Education, private and parochial schools, and physical fitness commissions. It also disseminates information about physical fitness, collects and assembles information from other departments and agencies of the State, and employs such personnel as necessary to carry out its functions. The funds for the Commission may not exceed \$25,000 in the annual budgets.

The Governor also appoints in each county and the City of Baltimore a local Physical Fitness Commission, each to be composed of from fifteen to twenty-five residents of the particular political subdivision. The Governor designates the Chairman of each Commission (Code 1957, 1963 Supp., Art. 41, secs. 319-325).

Appropriations	1963	1964
General Funds .....	\$24,600	\$25,000
Staff: 2.		

## Public Welfare

### STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

#### Board of Public Welfare

Chairman: Alvin Thalheimer, 1969

Calhoun Bond, 1965; Edmund P. Dandridge, Jr., 1965; Mrs. John L. Sanford, 1965; Mrs. Ralph O. Dulany, 1967; Howard H. Murphy, 1967; Julius O. Shuger, 1967; Sam Eig, 1969; W. Richard Ferguson, M.D., 1969.

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The General Assembly created the State Department of Public Welfare by Chapter 99, Acts of 1939 to supersede the Board of State Aid and Charities established by Chapter 679, Acts of 1900. The Department is the central, coordinating, and directing agency of all welfare activities in the State, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, public assistance to the needy blind, aid to the permanently and totally disabled, child welfare services, and any other welfare activities financed in whole or in part by the State or Federal government. The Governor designates the Chairman of the Board and appoints its nine members for six-year terms so arranged that three terms expire on June 1st of every second year (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 2, 3).

In each county there is a County Welfare Board, constituting an administrative department of the local government, which administers under the supervision and control of the State Department the welfare activities within each county, including the care of neglected, dependent, and delinquent children. Each County Board consists of six persons appointed for six-year terms by the Board of County Commissioners and one County Commissioner chosen yearly by the Board of County Commissioners (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 13, 14).

The Department investigates the public and private institutions, organizations, and agencies of a charitable nature in the State of Maryland, including those which receive part of their income from the State, but excepting those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Each year before the General Assembly convenes, the Director reports to the Governor on activities of the